**Syrian NY Times article questions**

1. What religious group or groups do the villagers belong to? What group does President Bashar al-Assad belong to? And which group is the majority in Syria?
2. What do the villagers say happened to them, and who are they blaming?
3. What do these people have in common?
4. Do their stories seem to follow a common theme or perspective on the fighting?
5. Any disagreements or contradictions?
6. Based on what these people are saying, what conclusions can we draw about this conflict and who’s to blame for the fighting?